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WOMAN SUICIDE NEAR WEBBVILLE BIG SENSATION

Cincinnati Newspaper Prints Lurid Story of Mountain Clan.

Just now Lawrence county is getting some unfair advertising. The Cincinnati Enquirer, noted for sensational features, gave the first column of its first page to the opening of a wild story involving the suicide of a Cincinnati woman at Jean, this county. A native "clan leader" is given as the chief actor in the tragedy. His name is not mentioned, however.

From what we can learn it seems that a woman who first came into the Webbville and Jean neighborhood a few months ago, died on July 8 by taking a bichloride of mercury tablet. She went into the home of Mrs. Hicks and told her what she had done. Death resulted soon afterward. The woman was given a very decent burial. It is said in a fine casket and a nice outfit generally.

It is said she claimed to be married to Cecil Hicks, but we are informed that he denied this and sent a note to his mother's home telling her to leave. It is said he was working in the oil fields.

It is presumed he is the man referred to as the "clan leader" in the Enquirer's story. He is not an officer of Lawrence county, but is said to have been a policeman in Ashland for a time. Neither has he ever been accused of being a moonshiner so far as we can learn. He has a brother, Sherman Hicks, who is a deputy sheriff (and a good one).

It is reported that some Cincinnati people visited the neighborhood last week and claimed to identify the woman by means of photographs. From the story the Enquirer worked up out of their report we print the following extracts:

The Newspaper Story.

High on a Kentucky mountain side where a rhododendron, her only mourner, bows its head above her lonely mound, there sleeps in a rough pine box Mrs. Anna Mae Schuett, 27 years old, the wife of Carl C. Schuett, 3507 Trimble avenue, Evanston, musician.

The veil of uncertainty which had shrouded the identity and past of "Anna Mae," the young woman of mystery, who ended her life with poison July 8 in the tiny hamlet of Jean, Ky., hidden away in the wild border regions of Eastern Kentucky, has been lifted.

This stranger, whose forlorn end aroused the sympathies of mountain folk, to most of whom she was known only as "Anna Mae," was identified yesterday as a Cincinnati woman who left her home several months ago.

With the establishing of her identity there was unfolded by her husband a strange story outdoing fiction, in which the unhappy end of a blighted romance is blended with tales of dark deeds by a feudist clansman, who is declared to rule like a feudal baron of old over clan of 75 moonshiners in the mountain fastness of Lawrence county.

Husband Accuses Clansman.

This clan leader, who, Schuett declares, is the leader in widespread illicit liquor operations, though he is a public official of the county, is the man who, he charges, took his wife from Cincinnati to his mountain stronghold and, he declares, forced her to end her life with a slow-acting alternative to being killed by him when he tired of her.

This official and feudist, Schuett declares, on last Sunday drove away from Jean, at the point of his revolver, four friends of Schuett who made their way there in an automobile with the intention of having the body exhumed in order that they might seek to identify it. However, identification was established through a photograph of Mrs. Schuett and the clansman taken together, which was turned over to them by a friendly mountaineer, and which the party brought back to the husband in Cincinnati yesterday.

They also brought back information whispered to them by friendly residents of Jean that "Anna Mae" was only one of five women which the clan leader had taken to Jean at different times. One of them besides Mrs. Schuett ended her life, Schuett says his friends were told, and the three others disappeared.

To Appeal to Governor.

Schuett declared yesterday he would appeal to Governor Edwin P. Morrow, of Kentucky, through Representative Herman Q. Thompson, of Newport, for aid in recovering the body of his wife and for an investigation of the activities of the Lawrence county official who, he declares, has thwarted efforts to identify the woman he induced to accompany him to his mountain home and who, though well knowing her identity, permitted mountaineers to bury her, unnamed, in a rough coffin of pine boards on the mountain side.

To seek redress personally through aid of officials of the county itself, Schuett says, would be a vain endeavor, because, he declares, the clansman leader, his father and several nephews are county or Federal officers and rule not only the political but the personal destinies of the big majority of the mountain folk in Lawrence county.

"If the Federal or the State Government of Kentucky can offer me any way to bring to justice this man who

HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR BABY



Bobby Goetz, son of Robert Walton Goetz, of New York, is first heir to the famous Goetz fortune, which is estimated at \$100,000,000, making him the wealthiest baby in the world.

is credited with so many dark deeds in addition to forcing my wife to poison herself I will eagerly follow it," said Schuett yesterday. "For me to attempt to go there alone or with friends would mean death and nothing gained toward his punishment."

"Since my wife left me 15 months ago," continued Schuett, "I have learned many facts I had not dreamed of before. We were married in October, 1917, in Batavia, Ohio. My wife was Amelia Mae Hamburger. Her mother lives in Detroit, her father in Cleveland; one sister lives in Amelia, Ohio, and another recently was married to a wealthy business man of New York."

"When we were married I had a store at Deer Park Ohio. In later years her absences from home caused quarrels. After she finally left me I learned that a Kentucky man, whom I now know is the man she accompanied to the scene of her death, was paying attentions to her. I learned that he was a moonshiner, as well as a county officer, and directed the operations of a clan of 75 members in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and shipped moonshine to Cincinnati in large quantities for sale. This explained the frequency of the leader's visits to Cincinnati and his meetings with my wife who finally left me and went to live in the West End."

"Recently I learned that she had not been divorced from her first husband, a business man now living on Price st., when she married me, so in reality our marriage was not legal, as she committed bigamy. Four men in the family drove to Jean, Ky., Saturday. This little place is hidden away on top of a wooded mountain, four miles from Webbville, in a county bordering West Virginia. The trail leading to Jean was so steep they were compelled to run the car up backward."

"Nearly every man and woman in the little settlement they found carried a rifle or wore a revolver strapped around his or her waist. Even children were armed. It was not long before they learned from friendly families among the law-abiding element of the feud being carried on by the clan of which the man who took my wife away is a leader and a rival clan. During this feud a house belonging to a member of the rival clan was set afire and three children were burned to death. They also learned of the moonshining activities carried on in a wholesale manner, and openly, because the leaders of the moonshiners were also public officials and their word was law in the community. My friends were told that any one who crossed them mysteriously disappeared."

Find Grave of Anna Mae.

"My friends found the grave of Anna Mae. It was just a newly made mound, unmarked, on the mountain side on property owned by the clan leader. There only the rhododendrons and trailing arbutus kept guard. My friends were told this clan leader who took my wife away refused to have even a kindly word said for her when she was buried. There were no services. Some one nailed together a couple of pine boards and made her a coffin and she was thrown into the mountain grave."

"These friends of mine tried to find some one in authority to permit them to exhume the body. They searched in vain. So they decided to dig into the grave themselves. They had emptied a few spadefuls of earth from Anna Mae's grave when the clan leader appeared. He thrust his revolver against the breast of one of my friends and said: 'Another spadeful and you go in there beside her.' He ordered my friends to get out of the county under threats of not returning at all."

"Thwarted in this attempt at identification my friends made quiet inquiries among relatives of a family they knew and thus obtained a photograph of the woman who was buried there. It was Anna Mae, my wife, showing her and the clan leader together."

"Then my friends were told of the suffering of poor Anna Mae. 'It would not matter much if this feudist should kill me, if only I could bring him to justice and make him suffer. That is my mission now, and the best plan, and the only one that seems open to me, is to appeal to the Governor of Kentucky to wipe out this foul nest in the eastern section of this state.'"

Schuett formerly was a member of Weber's Band.

NORMAL SCHOOL COMMISSION HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Eastern Trip Will Start Next Tuesday at Paintsville.

The State Normal School Commission will visit Louisa and other eastern Kentucky applicant cities next week.

Paintsville will be the first city visited. The party will reach there Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock and leave Wednesday morning for Louisa, arriving here at 9:55. The stay here will be only three hours, as they will leave for Ashland by Norfolk & Western train at 1:10 p. m. From Ashland the commission will proceed to West Liberty and Morehead.

Board of Trade Meeting.

A meeting of the Board of Trade will be held this (Thursday) night at the court house to arrange for entertaining the commission while here.

Let every officer and every citizen of Louisa give up all the time necessary to put our streets and premises into the best condition. In the main they are well kept all the time, but there are a few places that need attention.

Louisa has an excellent chance to be selected and we must present our case properly. The fight soon will be over, as the commission will decide soon after the end of the trip, so the newspaper accounts say.

Eastern Star Members Visit Blaine Chapter

Ten members of Louise Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, motored to Blaine last Saturday in response to an invitation to visit the chapter at that place. They met with the members there in a very interesting session, at the close of which a tempting luncheon, consisting of fried chicken, salads, cake, ice cream and other good things, was served.

They returned home late in the evening and all report it a very enjoyable occasion.

Some of those who attended from Louisa were Mrs. Josephine Rice, Mrs. J. B. Vaughan, Mrs. L. E. Cooksey, Mrs. W. F. Wiechers, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Sparks, Mrs. R. C. Burton, Mrs. W. W. Wray, Mrs. G. R. Lewis, Mrs. F. A. Millard and Wm. Fulkerson. Mr. Fulkerson was accompanied to Blaine by his family.

Blaine chapter has been invited to visit Louise chapter on August 15 at which time a memorial service will be held.

RAILROAD STRIKE HALTS MINING

Almost Nothing Doing in the Great Big Sandy Coal Field.

Previous to the railroad strike more coal was moving daily from the Big Sandy Valley than ever before known. New records were being made every few days. Now there is so little moving that a coal train attracts attention. The sidetracks hold large numbers of loaded coal cars that are not pulled out because only a few locomotives are in running condition.

The same is true of every coal field, though perhaps not quite as bad as the Norfolk & Western.

If the railroads would haul the coal there would be no danger of suffering from want of fuel. Otherwise, conditions are going to grow worse very rapidly and recovery will be extremely slow. The consumer who must have coal is not interested in regulation of the price when he can't get any coal. What does the man in Hades care about the price of water if he can't get any water?

The railroad officials claim they rapidly are filling the places of the strikers and the strikers say this is untrue. Giving out statements is the favorite pastime of both sides, having nothing else to do. And the innocent bystander (the public) is the fellow who is getting soaked every minute.

The government is now putting into effect some priority rules of delivering whatever coal and other necessities that may be moving. Meanwhile, nothing is done to keep engines and cars in repair and trains moving in sufficient number to meet the demands.

Accidentally Shoots and Kills Playmate

Ashland, Ky., July 26.—While hunting birds on the river bank, Walter Tusey, 14 years old, accidentally shot and killed his playmate, Charles Acile, 17, Tuesday after shooting a bird, he loaded his gun and flung it over his shoulder when it was in some manner discharged, the bullet entering Acile's body, killing him instantly. He was the stepson of Will Dunlap, this city.

BRAKEMAN DIES.

Lonnie Boggs, a brakeman on the Big Sandy division of the C. & O., died at his home at Chinnville, Greenup county, on Thursday of last week. His funeral and burial took place Saturday.

A BOY CHAMPION FOR 1922



FIRE DESTROYS THREE BUILDINGS

Burnam Roberts Loses Feed House and Residence.

At about 12:40 Wednesday night an alarm of fire aroused the citizens of Louisa. It was found that the large building owned and used by Burnam Roberts as a feed store was almost ready to collapse, and his residence alongside was in flames. The fire had made such headway that there was no chance to save anything. The fire company soon had streams of water playing on adjacent buildings, saving all except a small warehouse belonging to the Continental Supply Company. In that building was some pipe and fittings and other oil well supplies.

Mr. Roberts has been carrying a considerable stock of feed, flour, mill stuff of all kinds, hay, etc., which he has been selling at wholesale and retail.

His family is visiting relatives in the country. He was asleep in his home and was awakened after the flames had made much headway on the residence.

The origin of the fire is unknown. One theory is that it may have been started by sparks from a locomotive that passed with a heavy train about half an hour before the fire was discovered.

It is said there was some insurance on the stock and buildings. Both buildings were new. The property was located in south Louisa, at the end of the railroad siding.

Fatally Shot in East Lynne Affray

Wayne Court House, W. Va., July 22.—Mitchell Kelly, 26 years old, was fatally shot and John Napier, 15, slightly injured in a shooting affray two miles above East Lynn tonight.

The authorities are searching for Boyd Davis, 30 years old, alleged to have shot the other two.

According to witnesses the two men and the boy met in the public road above East Lynn and chatted for a few moments.

Davis then rode away. Turning as he left, witnesses averred, he fired. Kelly was shot four times through the body. He was not expected to live. Napier was shot through the foot.

No cause for the shooting was known.

Davis is said to have dashed through East Lynn on horseback shortly after the shooting. The local authorities said he had been sentenced at the last term of circuit court for moonshining and that he was released long enough to harvest his crops.

Big Sandy Bridge Tenders Quit With C. & O. Rail Clerks

Three bridge tenders on the toll bridge over the Big Sandy river went on strike at 10 a. m. Thursday of last week in sympathy with striking Chesapeake & Ohio railway clerks. It was announced.

The bridge tenders, while not affiliated with the brotherhood of railway clerks, voluntarily joined the strike, according to the chairman, and have been promised support of the brotherhood.

The bridge tenders collect tolls from pedestrians, automobiles and other vehicles crossing between West Virginia and Kentucky. The bridge is owned by the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad. Thousands of dollars are collected at this point every week.

Board of Trade Meeting Tonight

A meeting of the Louisa Board of Trade is called for Thursday night of this week at the court house to arrange for the visit of the State Normal School Commission next Wednesday. The hour will be 7:30. Do not forget the time and place.

A. SNYDER, Pres.

R. C. McCURE, Sec.

RIVER CONTRACT AWARDED.

The National Contract Company, of which S. L. May is president and H. A. Scholze an officer and superintendent, has been awarded the contract for building lock and dam No. 34, Ohio river, at Chilo, near Cincinnati.

AIRPLANE AND OTHER FEATURES FOR CENTENNIAL

Further Details About the Home Coming and Fair Week Program.

Educational Day.

Hon. George Colvin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has accepted the invitation of the Director of Educational Day, and "Educational Day" will be on Wednesday, August 30, instead of Thursday, August 31, as announced in these columns last week. Fraternal Order Day, which was to have been on Wednesday, being changed to Thursday, August 31. Do not get these two days confused. A great treat in store for all who are fortunate enough to hear Superintendent Colvin on Wednesday, August 30, and he will sure be here on that date.

Fraternal Order Day.

Upon allotment, the morning of this day, Thursday, August 31, has been assigned to the several Masonic bodies, the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Order of the Eastern Star. The afternoon has been assigned to the Odd Fellows and Daughters of Rebekah. Invitation has been extended to the Patrol of the Shriners at Ashland to participate in the Masonic parade, and, if they accept, as it is anticipated they will, their splendid drill and brilliant uniforms will add much interest to this Masonic parade.

Military Day.

This will be Tuesday, August 29, as originally announced, and Lieutenant Harry Roberts who will have charge of the World war veterans, requests us to invite all veterans of the late World war to be present on this day and participate in the parade. Come and bring your uniform. Outfits or parts of outfit may be procured of Capt. C. F. See, Jr., of the local cavalry squadron.

Hiram Layne will have charge of the Spanish-American war veterans, and he, likewise requests that all comrades arrange to be present on this date and participate in this parade.

Program-Books.

These books will come from the press ready for distribution the latter part of the present week—six thousand program booklets containing the proceedings of each day during Home Coming Week and doings at the County Fair, County Fair Premium List, a copy of which program will be sent by mail to each former resident of the county, conditioned that name and address of all such are furnished this office in time. Other copies will be mailed to local citizens and the remainder will be distributed to visitors during the week.

Other Publicity Matter.

A large quantity of advertising matter has been ordered and will arrive this week. Just as soon as it is received it will be distributed throughout the county as fast as possible. Be on the lookout for this and help to give publicity to Home Coming Week in every way possible. Help us boost.

Ticket Sales.

All members of the Committee on Ticket Sales are requested to settle weekly with the Treasurer, G. E. Vinson, for all tickets sold up to date, and to the Committee of Ticket Sales, we most respectfully urge that the tickets be sold at the earliest possible moment. This is most important for the reason that the major contracts cannot be let, at least cannot be closed until funds are on hand to meet the payments, and a number of features in contemplation will depend on the number of tickets you sell. For instance, the extent to street decorations; the number of days an airplane will be here; the kind of band we have; in fact the appropriation available for each form of entertainment will depend largely on the ticket sales, and these items cannot be definitely settled on until the ticket sales, amount realized from ticket sales is definitely known. In addition we want to keep an alphabetical list of ticket holders up to date, so that ticket sellers may see who has and who has not bought tickets. Weekly settlements with the Treasurer will greatly facilitate the keeping of this record.

Sunday, September 3.

Church and Sunday School Day is to be made a memorable occasion. The speakers will be men of national reputation and their names will be announced through the medium of our local press just as soon as acceptances are received. On this day we expect to have a street parade in which all Sunday school in Lawrence county are hereby invited to participate and to this end, Sunday school superintendents are requested to have, so far as practicable, their schools come in a body. Formal invitation will be sent all Sunday School Superintendents by our director in charge of this special feature. No feature of our Home Coming Week will be more appreciated than this.

County Fair.

The largest premium list ever offered in this county has been made up for the County Fair Section, Thursday, August 31, Friday, August 1, Saturday, September 2. Our farmers expect to do themselves proud on this occasion.

Purchase Your Ticket Now.

Civic and county pride will suggest that everybody buy a ticket; do it now. It is going to require a large

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300 ANSWERS TO AD. FOR A WIFE

Mr. Large Selected a Mate From Smalley, Kentucky.

Chillicothe, O., July 24. To the Big Sandy News:—About the first of May I put an ad. in the NEWS for a wife and I received over 300 applications. I received them from Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio, and I answered them all and picked them over and dropped them all but 3, and I picked on Syntha Ramey of Smalley, Floyd county, Ky., and I went there on the 17th and pinned a blue ribbon on her and brought her to Louisa on the 19th and we were married in the clerk's office by Rev. Streitenberger and we went direct to Fort Gay and took the train for Chillicothe and we are at home today enjoying life together.

I thought I would visit the NEWS office while I was there but I did not have time. I was afraid I would miss the train. Will be back there this fall and I will call. I thought I would write this for you to print. It might be of interest to someone else. It pays to advertise when a person needs anything. I was born and raised in Lawrence county. I wanted a wife from my home state and I got her and I am well pleased with her. Now if you think that this will be any benefit to you or your paper find room for it.

Yours truly,

J. B. LARGE.

VETERANS TO GET NEW MEXICO LAND

10,000 Acres Available to Ex-Service Men; Sept. 27 Set as Last Entry Day.

El Paso, July 15.—Approximately 10,000 acres of land in New Mexico may be taken over by veterans of the World War in the near future. Announcement is made from the Department of the Interior, United States Land Office that a considerable area of land formerly withdrawn under the Reclamation Act and for reservoir sites has been restored and will be subject to entry at the United States Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M.

Up to September 27, the lands will be subject to entry under the homestead and desert land laws by qualified service men of the World War who have been honorably discharged or separated from the service or placed in the army or naval reserve. Such applications and conflicting applications will be disposed of by lot.

From September 28 to October 15, any remaining unentered lands will be subject to homestead entry by any qualified entryman. Application may be filed from September 8 to September 27, inclusive, such applications to be treated as simultaneous applications.

Beginning October 16, any remaining lands will become subject to entry under any applicable public land law.

Such lands as are within the Elephant Butte irrigation district will be subject to the irrigation district taxes.

The exact location of the various tracts of land may be obtained by references to files at the United States Land Office at Las Cruces. They range in size from 225 to 640 acres.

A considerable portion of the land is in the mesa country, not susceptible to irrigation from the present Elephant Butte reservoir, but would be valuable for pump irrigation in event of the obtaining of cheap power from a hydro-electric plant at the dam.

MONSTER APPLE CROP IS FORECAST FOR KENTUCKY

Washington.—Kentucky's apple crop this year, according to the July 1 forecast of the Department of Agriculture will total 4,400,000 bushels. The production in 1921, subject to revision, is given as 630,000 bushels, or hardly more than one-seventh the amount forecast for the present year. The current crop's condition is 73 per cent as compared with an average for the last decade of 56 per cent. Kentucky will rank fourteenth among the States in apple production this year, according to the forecast.